

THE GARDEN ISLAND

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The Louissou plantation on Hawaii has four hundred acres in coffee, this year. The Hawaiian islands can produce the best coffee on earth. And that fact should be widely advertised. None but the best quality should ever be allowed to go out under Hawaii's brand. Every ounce of the best Hawaiian coffee could be sold in Boston alone, or in New York City, at a retail price of 50 cents a pound. If the campaign were properly managed. The United States protects nearly every other home industry, but pays no attention to coffee. We bring coffee from Brazil, when we have within the United States the best climate and soil for coffee. The greater per cent of the coffee that comes from Brazil is poor stuff, compared with the best Hawaiian coffee. They grow good coffee in Brazil. It is true, but the big Arabica company doesn't care a bean whether it markets the best coffee or not. All nickels look alike to them. Hawaii ought to be interested in marketing the choicest quality under the Hawaiian brand. Her representative in Congress should work early and late to secure a tariff on coffee. However, even without a tariff, it ought to be easy to sell all the coffee that the Hawaiian islands can produce, or rather, all of the choicest grade, at a retail price of 50 cents a pound, browned and ground.

An order has been issued by the Japanese government restricting the entry into Japan of all foreigners. This means that all aliens seeking entry to Japan henceforth will be subject to the most rigid examination. Not such a bad scheme, either. The United States has been all too negligent in that regard. We have erected very flimsy barriers on our frontiers. The scum of Europe, the aged, the decrepit, the ignorant, the sick, the maimed, have had as a rule very little difficulty in entering the United States, and a large per cent of them have become public charges. While not a few of the immigrants who left their country for their country's good, have filled our jails and penitentiaries. It is high time that the United States should wake up and adopt measures for the protection of the public at large.

After the war is over, the United States will be flooded by the widows, the orphans, the maimed and the wounded of war-torn Europe. The United States is indeed a free country, and the home of the oppressed, but it is not essentially an eleemosynary institution, and should not be.

There has always been a lingering suspicion in the minds of those who have followed the testimony in the prosecution of those who are charged with having taken a part in the bomb outrage at the time of the preparedness parade in San Francisco, that Thomas J. Mooney was not the man who fired the bomb. Snapshot photographs taken by disinterested persons show that he was far from the scene of the crime when it was committed. The matter attracted so much attention that President Wilson appointed a special commission to enquire into the case. The commission has in its report recommended that the President use his influence to secure for the accused wrongfully. If Mooney committed the crime, he should be punished. If he did not, it would be a crime to execute him. And if there wasn't a deliberate attempt to railroad him to the gallows, appearances ought to be sued for libel.

To fly to the assistance of France in her hour of trouble is a fine principle. But how so many citizens of the United States can expatriate themselves as readily as a woman powder her nose, in order to drive a pair of Missouri mules behind the fighting line, is beyond our comprehension. To fight for democracy is all right. To aid our allies is commendable. But a man's citizenship in the United States to be thrown aside as lightly as a man throws a cigar stub in the gutter? Those who have done so are no longer subjects of the United States. Considering that they have taken up arms for a country at war with the same nation with which the United States is at war, they will probably be allowed to take the oath of allegiance at the end of the war. But to follow the Stars and Stripes appeals to us with greater force.

The dear old Queen died without ever having suspected that she was of unsound mind. It took her heirs to find that out. They don't deserve a Dean.

"Knock out John Barleycorn," says the Star-Bulletin, "and half of Honolulu's vicious conditions will follow into the dump heap." Both of the editors over there seem to be pretty good booze fighters.

The war has brought about many peculiar changes in a commercial way, but none of more interest than conditions affecting the price of awa root. The root of the awa has for centuries been used by the natives of the South Sea islands in the manufacture of an intoxicating liquor. It has less effect upon the brain than some other liquors, but affects the legs so that they seem almost paralyzed, for the time being. The demand for awa root was, up to the time when war was declared, quite limited. A firm in Samoa shipped small quantities from other of the isles of the Pacific to Germany, where it was used as a source of medicine. After it became impossible to ship to Germany, the price gradually increased until thirty cents a pound was offered. The gathering of awa root is now quite profitable, and awa is being cultivated on Hawaii, and perhaps on some of the other islands of the group.

The Governor, in his letter to the Harbor Board, takes the stand that all hope for the breakwater at Nawiliwili need not be abandoned, notwithstanding that the Kauai railroad company has announced that it has no intention of extending its line to Nawiliwili. In his letter the Governor says: "As the rights of way which affect the proposed railway and the land that will produce the necessary tonnage are under the control of the land commissioner, he will, advising with those affected, endeavor to secure the adjustment of all points so that the Harbor Commission can carry out its objects, which are confined to the proposed harbor and wharves."

That sounds like the Governor was on the right side of the argument, to say the least.

As a rule, business men do not welcome with any degree of hilarity any suggestions in a business way which will tend to decrease their income. Some people are as blind as a bat, when it comes to seeing the advantage of helping the government when it costs anything to do so. The action of the proprietors of the Lihue market, therefore, stands out in great contrast. For when they were asked to observe the meatless days enjoined by the government, they very promptly consented, and at once published a notice, announcing that they would sell no meat of any kind on Tuesdays, and no pork on Tuesdays or Saturdays, the porkless days. There's patriotism.

Good for the Honolulu police force. Let us give the devil his due. The Honolulu papers have been declaring with vehemence that the policemen were blind in the right eye, and could not see out of the left, so far as vice was concerned. However, they have apparently gained their eyesight. They agreed to clean up the city if the papers would co-operate by agreeing not to print certain facts until after arrests had been made. And the police seem to be making good. In other words, if the papers would give the police a rest they would make arrest. It is now time for some of the papers to give us a rest.

The world is demanding the abolition of monarchies, and advocating world-wide democracy. The heaven is working also in Great Britain, which is perhaps the least objectionable, as it is the most successful, of all the monarchies on earth. The labor element in England, however, is demanding that the House of Lords be abolished, and that there should be no second chamber for the British parliament, either hereditary or elective. The hand writing on the wall is very plain. And it doesn't need a Daniel to interpret it.

Army officers hint that mere dismissal will be considered insufficient punishment for government physicians who have been convicted of mistreating the sick and wounded. And we commend their judgment. This "saw his leg off" attitude, and all the rough stuff should be "cut out." The medical fraternity contains some of the noblest men on earth. But there are always a few who are careless of the rights of others, and they should be taught a lesson.

The citizens of Hawaii are advocating the construction of a road to the ancient city of refuge at Honauau. Probably some of the newspaper men over there are preparing to flee, and the demand for speed is urgent.

A party of Honoluluans has gone to Maui on a hunting expedition, according to the Advertiser. They took bird dogs along, so they are probably not after somebody's goat, even if they did come from Honolulu.

It is quite evident that some people in Honolulu are ardent conservationists—of whiskey.

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